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School Nutrition Programs

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USDA FOODS PROCESSING FAIR



The OPI School Nutrition Programs, Food Distribution, the Cooperative Purchase Program and Montana Team Nutrition are sponsoring the 2011 Montana USDA Foods Processing Fair October 20-21, 2011. The fair will be held in Great Falls at the Paris Gibson Education Center located at 2420 Central Avenue in Great Falls.

The fair is for all National School Lunch Program participants interested in using a portion of their USDA entitlement dollars to purchase products from participating companies using the Net Off Invoice (NOI) program and also deciding which products the OPI School Nutrition Programs will purchase for further processing using the state match funds.

The two-day event will include a meet and greet for participants and vendors, sessions regarding USDA Foods and USDA nutrition standards updates, vendor training on procurement procedures as well as a food service manager's training class.

The fall ABC Committee meeting will also be held in conjunction with this two-day event.

It will be a combined meeting for all three committee groups: Miles City, Missoula and Great Falls.

Registration information will be mailed soon. It will also be available online at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_2.

If you have questions regarding registration or the fair, contact the OPI School Nutrition Office at (406) 444-2501.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

Let's Grow Healthy is the theme for the 2011-12 National School Lunch Week taking place October 10-14, 2011.



The theme for this year's National School Lunch Week provides the opportunity to try something new and promote locally sourced foods. From a harvest-of-the-month menu to a school garden to a meet-the-farmer educational presentation and much more, there is a farm-to-school model or activity that can fit the needs of any school or district.

Check out the resources available on the School Nutrition Association Web site at

http://www.schoolnutrition.org/Level2_NSLW2011.aspx?id=15284.



2011-12 SCHOOL REVIEWS

Following is a list of schools that will be reviewed during the 2011-12 school year: Alder Upper Ruby, Aware Galen, Bridger, Butte, Cut Bank, Deerfield, DeSmet, Dixon, East Helena, Elysian, Ennis, Evergreen, Fairview, Fort Benton, Gallatin Gateway, Gardiner, Great Falls Catholic High School, Hamilton, Harrison, Havre, Heart Butte, Helena, Hellgate, Lambert, Lame Deer, Lodge Grass, Loyola Sacred Heart, Malta, Manhattan, Missoula County Detention Center, Monforton, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, Montana Department of Corrections, Noxon, Partnership for Children, Roberts, Ronan, Roundup, Sheridan, Shields Valley, Sidney, St. Labre, St. Regis, Spring Creek, Superior, Target Range, Three Forks, Twin Bridges, Two Eagle River High School, West Yellowstone, Willow Creek, Winifred, Wolf Creek, and Wyola.

The schools scheduled for review will be sent a notification letter with complete preparation instructions. Schools are also expected to submit information for nutrient analysis prior to the review. Instructions for the nutrient analysis will be mailed with notification of the date of review.

The review schedule is flexible, so set dates are not available at this time. Notification letters and instructions will be mailed one month prior to the review date.

ADDITIONAL USDA FOODS

The following USDA Foods are available for any schools that could



use additional cases and have remaining entitlement.

Charbroiled Beef Patties
Cheese, Mozzarella LMPs
Chicken Patty Tenders
Flour, Whole Wheat

E-mail your requests to the OPI Food Distribution office at juwilson@mt.gov.

2012 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Once again the OPI School Nutrition Specialists will be hosting food service manager trainings throughout the state. The training is for anyone, new or seasoned, interested in information to successfully implement the National School Lunch Program, complete required paperwork and offer nutritious school meals. Following is a list of dates and locations for this year's trainings:



Belgrade **October 11, 2011**
Belgrade Chamber of Commerce
10 E. Main
Belgrade, MT

Billings **October 4, 2011**
Billings Hotel and Convention Center
Explorer Room
1223 Mullaney Lane
Billings, MT

Great Falls **October 20, 2011**
Paris Gibson Learning Center
Library
2420 Central Avenue
Great Falls, MT

Miles City **October 5, 2011**
Guest House International
3111 Steel Street
Miles City, MT

Missoula **October 13, 2011**
Ruby's Inn & Convention Center
4825 North Reserve
Missoula, MT

Time for all trainings, except for the one held in Great Falls, will be 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Great Falls Training will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Go to the OPI School Nutrition Programs Web site below for the registration form. **The trainings are free but registration is required.**

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_2.

DoD FRESH REMINDER

The OPI School Nutrition Programs want to remind all sponsors signed up for the DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to spend all first quarter dollars **before September 30, 2011**. This money will no longer be available after the deadline.

The remainder of your DoD entitlement can be spent throughout the 2012 school year. If you have questions regarding your DoD entitlement contact Kennie Johnson by phone at (406) 444-4412 or by e-mail at kennie@mt.gov.

Questions regarding Login IDs or passwords to the FFavors program need to be addressed

by DoD Logistics Specialists. Following is the contact information for these specialists.

Gwen Crawford, Middle and Eastern Montana schools contact, can be reached by e-mail at Gwendolyn.Crawford@dla.mil or by phone at (215) 737-2282.

Janice Hvorecky, Western Montana schools contact, can be reached by e-mail at Janice.Hvorecky@dla.mil or by phone at (215) 737-7546.

Note the time change when contacting these specialists as they are located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CELEBRATE SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK!!

